GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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IRON ORE RESERVE
SOHAN POTAI

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large iron ore reserve has been found in Ravghat region of Bastar district in Chhattisgarh where survey work has already been done;

(b) if so, whether his ministry is making efforts to remove the hurdles coming in the way of exploitation of said reserve; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which mining work is likely to be started ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Yes Sir. Survey and exploration carried out in the Ravghat Region of Bastar district in Chhattisgarh indicate the occurrence of about 730 million tones of recoverable reserves of iron ore.

(b) & (c) As per Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under this Department, the Iron ore reserves in Ravghat region falls under the Malta Reserve Forest. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has stipulated certain guidelines to be followed for mining activity in the said area and entrusted IBM to prepare a Regional Mineral Development Plan in consultation with the State Government of Chhattisgarh and Ministry of Environment and Forests.